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1. (currently amended) A Caller ID device, comprising:
a Caller ID memory adapted to store Caller ID data associated with an incoming call, and
a processor adapted to selectively not store the at least a portion of said Caller ID data into said Caller ID memory based on an off-hook status of a telephone.

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) A Caller ID device as recited in claim 1, wherein:

said processor is adapted to not store said Caller ID data into said Caller ID memory only if said incoming the off-hook status relates to whether an answered call is answered by a person, and adapted to allow storage of said Caller ID data into said Caller ID memory if said incoming call is answered by an answering or by a machine.

5. (currently amended) A Caller ID device as recited in claim [[3]] 1, wherein:

at least a portion of the all of said Caller ID data is not stored into said Caller ID memory if the said incoming call is answered by a person.

6. (currently amended) A Caller ID device as recited in claim 1, wherein:

the when Caller ID data is stored into the said Caller ID memory, said Caller ID data is stored in said Caller ID memory together with a flag indicating whether the said incoming call was answered by a person.

7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) A Caller ID device as recited in claim [[7]]

1, wherein:

said processor is adapted to not store said Caller ID data into said Caller ID memory only if said Caller ID the given condition is an indication that the memory is more full than a predetermined threshold.

9. (canceled)

10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) A telephone, including a Caller ID device, the Caller ID device comprising:

a Caller ID memory adapted to store incoming Caller ID data associated with an incoming call; and

a processor adapted to selectively not store the at least a portion of said Caller ID data into said Caller ID memory based on an off-hook status of said telephone.

12. (canceled)

13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) A telephone, including a Caller ID device as recited in claim 11, wherein:

said processor is adapted to not store said Caller ID data into said Caller ID memory only if said incoming the off hook status relates to whether an answered call is answered by a person, and adapted to allow storage of said Caller ID data into said Caller ID memory if said incoming call is answered by an answering or by a machine.

15. (currently amended) A telephone, including a Caller ID device as recited in claim 11, wherein:

~~at least a portion of the~~ all of said Caller ID data is not stored into said Caller ID memory if ~~the~~ said incoming call is answered by a person.

16. (currently amended) A telephone, including a Caller ID device as recited in claim 11, wherein:

the ~~when~~ Caller ID data is stored into the said Caller ID memory,
said Caller ID data is stored into said Caller ID memory together with a flag indicating whether ~~the~~ said incoming call was answered by a person.

17. (canceled)

18. (currently amended) A telephone, including a Caller ID device as recited in claim 11, wherein:

said processor is adapted to not store said Caller ID data into said Caller ID memory only if said Caller ID ~~the given condition is an indication that~~
~~the memory is more full than a predetermined threshold.~~

19. (canceled)

20. (canceled)

21. (currently amended) A method of receiving an incoming telephone call, comprising:

receiving Caller ID data associated with the incoming telephone call;

evaluating a status of the incoming telephone call; and

determining to not store said received ~~selectively making a~~ Caller ID data into Caller ID memory ~~storage decision~~ based on an off-hook status of a telephone.

22. (canceled)

23. (canceled)

24. (currently amended) A method of receiving an incoming telephone call as recited in claim 21, wherein said determining step comprises:

allowing the Caller ID storage of said Caller ID data into said Caller ID memory if said decision, for an answered incoming telephone call is answered by an answering, ~~is further based on whether the incoming telephone call was answered by a person or by a machine; and~~

not allowing storage of said Caller ID data into said Caller ID memory if said incoming telephone call is answered by a person.

25. (canceled)

26. (currently amended) A method of receiving an incoming telephone call as recited in claim 21, wherein said step of determining comprises:

~~the Caller ID storage decision is to not storing~~ store at least a portion of the said Caller ID data into said Caller ID memory if the said incoming call is answered.

27. (currently amended) A method of receiving an incoming telephone call as recited in claim 21, wherein further comprising:

storing the Caller ID storage decision results in storage of a flag associated with the said Caller ID data if the said incoming telephone call is not answered by a person.

28. (currently amended) A method of receiving an incoming telephone call as recited in claim 21, wherein:

the said Caller ID storage decision determination is made performed proximate in time to reception of the said incoming telephone call.

29. (currently amended) A method of receiving an incoming telephone call as recited in claim 21, wherein:

~~the said Caller ID storage decision determination is made performed~~ in response to user input ~~and affects Caller ID data already stored.~~

30. (canceled)

31. (currently amended) A method of receiving an incoming telephone call as recited in claim 21 30, wherein:

said determination step is performed ~~the Caller ID storage decision is made~~ in response to a determination that ~~the~~ said Caller ID memory is more full than a predetermined threshold.

32. (currently amended) A method of receiving an incoming telephone call as recited in claim 21 30, wherein:

said determination step is performed ~~the Caller ID storage decision is made~~ in response to user input.

33. (currently amended) A method of receiving an incoming telephone call as recited in claim 32, wherein:

said ~~the~~ user input is activation of a keypad associated with a Caller ID device.

34. (currently amended) A method of receiving an incoming telephone call as recited in claim 33, wherein:

said ~~the~~ Caller ID device is part of a telephone.